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In re Application of: I. McRury et al.

Application No.: 10/024,625

Group Art Unit: 3731

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Examiner: B. Pantuck

For: SUTURE WELDING SYSTEM AND METHOD

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants request that the following be entered into the file and considered by the Examiner before the issuance of an Office Action:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.